

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

GORDON SMISSAERT,

Plaintiff.

V.

**COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,**

Defendant.

Case No. C20-400 RAJ

**ORDER GRANTING
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
ANSWER AND DENYING
REQUEST FOR INDEFINITE
EXTENSION**

This matter is before the Court on Defendant's motion for extension of time to file the answer. Dkt. 11. In addition to a 28-day extension of time, Defendant seeks permission to dispense with further motions for extensions of time and instead file status reports every 28 days "until the certified administrative record becomes available." Dkt. 11-1. Based on the extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court GRANTS an extension of time to file the answer. However, the Court DENIES Defendant's request for an extension with no definite end.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall have until July 21, 2020, to file an answer. If Defendant is unable to file the answer by that date, he shall file another motion for extension.

DATED this 25th day of June, 2020.

Richard D. Jones

The Honorable Richard A. Jones
United States District Judge